

County Chair

Name: John Patrick Segale

Occupation: Cerner Corporation, Senior Situation Manager

Education: BS, Computer Science, University of Kansas 1990

Political experience and community involvement:

Kansas City Rowing Club, Co-founder (1992-1996)

Old Shawnee Days Committee (1997-2004)

Shawnee Rotary Club (1997-2009)

Shawnee City Council, Ward 1 (3-terms, 1997-2004)

Johnson County Commissioner, 2nd District (1-term, 2005-2009)

Please answer each of the following questions in 70 words or less.

Would you support an ongoing hiring freeze and/or a reduction of the county work force while revenues are down?

I support the ongoing hiring freeze initiated in late 2005, while I was serving on the County Commission. The hiring freeze and near complete wage freeze is a prudent step in this economic downturn. It is possible that through consolidation actions work force reductions could occur without impacting service. The number one goal is to return better value to taxpayers by maintaining service levels for needed services while reducing costs.

Do you think there are some services that could be consolidated to save the county, cities and taxpayers money? If yes, what are they? If no, why not?

Yes. Citizens expect quality services at a good price.

Service consolidation will need to be mutually agreed to by our cities and county. The first step, therefore; is for elected and professional leaders from cities and the county to jointly analyze every service they offer to identify areas for consolidation.

Absent joint analysis, I propose potential consolidation of police dispatching, employee health insurance, fire services, and information technology.

What is your opinion on annexation and condemnation?

About 60% of the land and over 95% of the population lies within city boundaries in Johnson County. The trend is for all or most of the county to become incorporated into cities. The entire county subsidizes most city like services within unincorporated areas; until these subsidies are reduced I do not favor public elections on annexation issues.

I do not favor condemnation for private economic development.

Would you support changing county commission meetings from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. so more working citizens could attend?

Yes, that is a key plank in my platform in conjunction with setting commission pay at \$25,000 (similar to OP Mayor) for all members. The commission pay cut reduces the chairman's salary nearly \$62,000 and district commissioners over \$24,000, saving over \$210,000 annually.

As a former member of the commission who has analyzed meeting duration over the last 18-months moving meetings to nights (starting around 6-7 PM) could be accommodated.